

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2004

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2004. Members present: Mel O. Battle, Chairman, Larry G. Hamlett, Vice-Chairman, Jack W. Hooper, Cathy W. Lucas, Kenneth D. Travis, and George W. Ward, Jr. Absent: Nathaniel Hall. Also present: Jeffrey H. Earp, County Manager, Robert V. Shaver, Jr., County Attorney, Gordon Bendall representing The Caswell Messenger, and Billy Baker representing The Danville Register & Bee. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Battle opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Lucas questioned why EMS Collections for the months of November and December, 2003 dropped while the call volume remained the same. Commissioner Lucas noted that the number of calls for November was 135 and in December was 146, which was consistent with previous months. Commissioner Lucas added that the amount billed for November was \$37,608 and the amount billed for December was \$39,768, while collections were down \$17,701 for November and dropped even further to \$12,485 in December. The County Manager answered that he had no concrete explanation, but assumed it was probably due to the time of the year.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Monthly Tax Report for December, 2003

Total Taxes Collected	\$2,040,763.75
Tax Maps	\$ 155.15
2004 prepayments	\$ 587.58
County Maps	\$ 63.20
NSF Charge	\$ 75.00

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| 2) <u>Monthly EMS Billing Report for December, 2003</u> | |
| Total Billed | \$ 39,768.00 |
| Total Collected | \$ 12,485.21 |
| Total Claims Filed with Medicare | 63 |
| Total Claims Filed with Medicaid | 43 |
| Total Adjusted Private Pay | \$ 39.31 |
| Total Adjusted Medicare/Medicaid | \$ 5,322.94 |
- 3) Budget Amendment No. 25 - DSS
- 4) Budget Amendment No. 26 – Health Dept.
- 5) Budget Amendment No. 27 – Health Dept.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Battle opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Richard Winfield, of 81 Twisted Oak Drive, Prospect Hill, came before the Board and stated that he moved to Caswell County four years ago from Pittsboro in Chatham County. Mr. Winfield added that he chose Prospect Hill because of its quiet, lovely neighborhood, warm friendly neighbors, and the beauty of the county. Mr. Winfield stated that he is present to strongly urge the passage of the Land Use Plan because of where he lives in Prospect Hill. Mr. Winfield stated that when his children visited him in 1999, they noted how wonderful it was and the peacefulness. Mr. Winfield added that this all changed two years ago, especially within the past 12 months because he now has a motor cross racetrack next to his subdivision. Mr. Winfield stated that it is quite a change, but he did not feel there was anything the Land Use Plan could do to change that, but for the sake of everyone else in Caswell County, there needs to be some common sense rules so that when you live in a subdivision or even on your own private land, no one can come next door to you with a topless bar, a dance hall, a motor cross track or something that is not fitting in a residential neighborhood.

Mr. Bill Bush, of Park Springs Road, came before the Board and stated that for three weeks now he has been hearing things that made him wonder what he has been doing, then he realized he was hearing from people that have been misled, deceived, and are being used. Mr. Bush stated that they have been hearing that many poor people in Caswell County would be displaced if the Land Use Plan were approved and this is just not true; in fact, affordable housing of all types is specifically approved in the Land Use Plan. Mr. Bush added that the Land Use Plan was written in full awareness that manufactured housing is all over most of this County already, and they wanted to encourage some additional things too, such as assisted living and apartments for those who cannot or do not want to deal with outside maintenance. Mr. Bush questioned the point of misleading people and encouraged the reading of the Plan. Mr. Bush added that the Plan does not displace poor people in any way. Mr. Bush stated that another untrue statement is that people would not be able to replace burned out trailers. Mr. Bush added

that the County Planner has carefully explained that the Plan specifies conditional use permits that guarantees anyone's right to rebuild a destroyed property as it was or in an improved or enlarged form and no one loses his right to his home or business from the Land Use Plan. Mr. Bush stated that it has been made clear that zoning typically includes in each area the uses that already exist there and is amazed to hear that this is a Plan for Greensboro or Cary. Mr. Bush added that this is not true and the Land Use Plan is a minimal plan for Caswell County to try to avoid incompatible land use conflicts. Mr. Bush questioned why these tales are being spread, who is using it to mislead others, and what they are gaining by it. Mr. Bush stated that they are trying to prevent incompatible land uses that make people miserable in their homes. Mr. Bush added that he has heard that the Land Use Committee did not look like Caswell County, noted that no one was excluded, and felt that this statement is certainly an attempt to mislead the uninformed. Mr. Bush stated that he also resents this statement because he spent years here teaching children, some of who did not look like him. Mr. Bush added that the County needs to grow beyond this automatic distrust on the basis of color and not be misled by prejudices. Mr. Bush stated that it has been said that they met in secret, yet they met in open meetings, with several series of meetings held in communities, signs were posted, newspaper announcements were run, and the entire document was published in The Caswell Messenger, copies were handed out in community meetings, and the Planning Board held multiple public hearings and informational sessions. Mr. Bush stated that the Land Use Plan is not aimed at discriminating against the poor in the County, but is aimed at helping the entire County and encourages improvement in housing for lower income residents. Mr. Bush encouraged everyone to read the Plan and not to be misled. Mr. Bush stated that there are many people who need low cost housing and alternatives need to be offered. Mr. Bush added that not everyone wants to own, needs to own a home, or will own a home and housing needs to be offered for all of them.

Ms. Jan Griffin came before the Board and stated that one of the County's weaknesses is that it does not have county-wide planning and zoning. Ms. Griffin added that some that live in the County may not understand the need to a business for there to be planning and zoning. Ms. Griffin stated that the County needs more businesses to come into Caswell County and they will be looking at it from a totally different perspective than someone who already lives here and starts a business next to their family and friends. Ms. Griffin added that businesses have many choices, many counties are vying for businesses, and there are many things to offer, which Caswell County does not have a lot to offer. Ms. Griffin noted that the Economic Developer struggles daily to try to compete to get industry in Caswell County and added that the county just changed from a Tier III to a Tier II county because of the lack of jobs here. Ms. Griffin reported that she moved to Caswell County in 1987, along with her late husband who was fifth generation on his mother's family farm in Caswell. Ms. Griffin stated that when they wanted to grow their small business and build a plant facility, they looked at Caswell County first. Ms. Griffin added that bankers and professional business friends all advised them against building in Caswell County because they said Caswell was too backwards, planning and zoning was out of the question here, and they would be making a fatal mistake to build their business here. Ms. Griffin stated that she had never been to a Commissioners' meeting then and all they were concerned about was protecting the biggest investment of their lives, and so

they studied the situation and made a decision to build their factory in Rockingham County. Ms. Griffin noted that they were a small company, but their annual payroll was over \$250,000 and since their decision to build in Rockingham County and not Caswell, they paid out over \$4,250,000 in wages and paid approximately \$85,000 in property taxes. Ms. Griffin stated that this money could have been Caswell's and it should have been. Ms. Griffin wondered how many other businesses have there been like them that looked and saw no plan, no zoning, no protection and left and took their jobs somewhere else. Ms. Griffin stated that it has been asked by some if the County could afford planning and zoning, but she asked how could the County afford not to have it.

Mr. Thomas Hoskins, 198 Arch Cook Road, Pelham came before the Board and stated that he is not in favor of the Land Use Plan because it is worded wrong for the people who are underprivileged, or as it was referred to, "them kind of people" that lives in manufactured housing. Mr. Hoskins noted that manufactured housing includes single-wide, double-wide, and modular homes. Mr. Hoskins stated that in the Land Use Plan, if a certain area is predominately manufacturing housing, you can place one there, but if it is not, "maybe" you can put one there. Mr. Hoskins questioned who is to regulate this and stated that it is not fair for the underprivileged who does not have a stick-built house and for the working class who has been living here all of their lives and they are the ones who pay the taxes.

Mr. David W. Shelton, 124 Jameson Road, Providence, came before the Board and stated that he is against land use.

Mr. Jarrell Young, 426 NC Hwy 150E, Reidsville, came before the Board and stated that he owns approximately 1,000 acres of land in Caswell County, even though his primary residence is in Rockingham County. Mr. Young added that he is very much in favor of the Land Use Plan that has been proposed. Mr. Young noted that the Board has heard him speak about the benefits of clean ground water and the problems with contaminated ground water. Mr. Young stated that the Board has heard people speak about wanting to protect their neighborhoods from bars, go cart tracks and unwanted growth and that the Board would probably hear from more people tonight on both sides of this issue. Mr. Young added that the main question before the Board tonight is whether Caswell County will progress or regress and stagnate and become overrun with unwanted growth. Mr. Young stated that it is his opinion that Caswell County needs to progress and move forward and bring itself into the 21st century. Mr. Young added that land use planning will protect Caswell's heritage and enhance its future and growth and would enable the County to move forward, not backwards.

Mr. Earl Nelson, 11802 NC Hwy 86, Prospect Hill, came before the Board and stated that he is a life long resident of Caswell County. Mr. Nelson added that he understood that very soon the Board would be asked to make a vote, a vote that in his opinion will be the most important vote for the future of Caswell County that any of the Board members have ever made, and he hoped that they would vote their conscience. Mr. Nelson stated that more than two years ago the Board of Commissioners appointed a Committee of Caswell County residents from all areas to draft a plan for a Land Use Plan and they have

done their job. Mr. Nelson pleaded for the Board not to do as Boards in the past have done, but instead pass the Land Use Plan for the present and future landowners of Caswell County.

Ms. Brenda Hoskins, 198 Arch Cook Road, Pelham, came before the Board and stated that she is against land use.

Mr. Calvin Johnson came before the Board and stated that he is against the Land Use Plan because ten, fifteen, or twenty years down the road he might not be able to maintain his status of living. Mr. Johnson added that he has two brothers who live in Burlington, have been retired for over 30 years, and had they not had a good savings, the economy would have overtaken their spending. Mr. Johnson asked who is to say that fifteen or twenty years down the road, he might not be able to pay the insurance on his stick built home for the replacement value. Mr. Johnson added that if he cannot do this, and should his home burn down in this area of all stick built homes, he would not be able to place a manufactured home there until he is able to build back or until he can move the debris so he can build back. Mr. Johnson stated that like someone has said, it was stated in the last meeting that “maybe”, but what about “maybe not”. Mr. Johnson added that people needed to know what they can do and what they can’t, they do not need to know a “maybe”. Mr. Johnson stated that this is the reason he is against the Land Use Plan. Mr. Johnson added that, on the other hand, if he were living in a manufactured home area and his manufactured home burned down, and he was able to build a stick built home, he had the land, but since his land is in a manufactured home area, he would be prohibited from building a stick built home. Mr. Mike Cusimano, County Planner, clarified that a person would be allowed to replace a manufactured home with a stick built home in a manufactured home zoning district if this was their desire.

Ms. Shirley Blalock, 1392 NC Hwy 86S, Prospect Hill, came before the Board and stated that she came to the meeting tonight to ask the Board to vote against the Land Use Plan. Ms. Blalock added that she and her husband started buying the family farm in 1968 so they would have a place to retire to in the County. Ms. Blalock stated that they have done this, but they are getting the feeling that they will be jeopardized with the future of their land if they want to pass it down to someone in their families. Ms. Blalock added that she is totally against the Plan because she feels it is wrong, she feels that it may be discrimination against her and maybe someone who has less than her. Ms. Blalock stated that this is the United States of America and they are not in a third world country. Ms. Blalock added that she did not feel it was asking too much to want to keep control of their land. Ms. Blalock informed the Board that they are now living in a modular home, moved here from Virginia to live in a rural area, this is exactly what they wanted, and now they are concerned that they may not be able to get it. Ms. Blalock stated that she was concerned as to who would pay for this and felt guaranteed that it will be the taxpayers. Ms. Blalock added that if her tax bill gets any higher, she may have to walk away from the farm, give it away, or have a lien against it. Ms. Blalock asked the Board why this could not be put on a referendum and let everybody vote on it. Ms. Blalock stated that she did not feel that she was better than other people, but also did not feel that other people are better than her and this includes color, creed, or whatever. Ms. Blalock

added that they all are in one nation, this is not a third world country, this is the United States of America, she is an American and proud of it.

Ms. Robin Farley, of Prospect Hill, came before the Board and stated that she and her family moved to Caswell County in 2002 from Maryland. Ms. Farley added that her family chose Caswell County for its rural location, milder winters, and because her children race motorcycles. Ms. Farley stated that they have a practice track in their yard on which their children have been riding since they moved there. Ms. Farley noted that they do not have a motor cross track. Ms. Farley stated that Mr. Winfield lives three-tenths of a mile from her, she has never met him, he has never pulled in her driveway, and he has never expressed any displeasure in any form. Ms. Farley added that they have checked with their immediate neighbors and they have no problem. Ms. Farley stated that she checked with another neighbor who lives 100 yards from where her children ride and he has no problem. Ms. Farley noted that a chain saw is louder than her children's dirt bikes. Ms. Farley informed the Board that she moved to Caswell County so she could do whatever she wanted on her property, but obviously she is having trouble with that already. Ms. Farley stated that maybe this is going to make her against the Land Use Plan because they moved from Maryland where it took an act of Congress to do anything, which is why she left. Ms. Farley informed the Board that The Caswell Messenger published an article on her children a year ago featuring their racing, including pictures of their track and what they are doing. Ms. Farley stated that she and her family leave every Friday night to go racing and return on Sunday night. Ms. Farley added that she is only home in December, January, and February. Ms. Farley noted that there cannot be a problem with her children riding on weekends because they are not home and they only have a small amount of time to ride during the week because they go to school. Ms. Farley stated that she is upset that if someone had a problem, they couldn't just come into her yard and tell her. Ms. Farley added that the reason she came tonight was because in the last week she became aware that there is a problem only because some of her neighbors told her. Ms. Farley stated that someone from the water department came and checked her property because someone had complained about mud and she was told that Mr. Winfield was the one who complained. Ms. Farley added that they are digging dirt for their children to jump off of, but this was checked and was confirmed that the mud was not coming from her yard. Ms. Farley stated that she may have a serious problem with the County's land issues, because she moved to get away from it. Ms. Farley added that she did not want to disturb anyone, but all of her neighbors immediately surrounding her have never expressed that they have a problem. Ms. Farley stated that she is very unhappy that someone came here to express that they had a problem without bothering to talk to her.

Mr. Dwight Chandler, Oakview Loop Road, came before the Board and stated that the Board keeps hearing the same story over and over and for almost 40 years this process has been on-going. Mr. Chandler added that one of the original charges to the Planning Board was to set up some type of Land Use Plan for the County, this has yet to be done, so they have not fulfilled one of their original missions and felt that it needed to be pursued from this angle and find out why they have not done this. Mr. Chandler stated that there have been meetings, this Committee has met for two years and developed a

wise Plan. Mr. Chandler noted that this Plan is not an Ordinance, it is not enacting anything, it is just requesting the Commissioners to make the move to the next step to develop a Land Use Plan. Mr. Chandler added that he is offended by comments made that “we are not a third world country” referring to individuals that cannot afford certain types of housing by referring to them as “them kind of people”. Mr. Chandler stated that this Plan is to protect everyone in the County and is not to discriminate against anyone in the County, is not to say that anyone cannot build what he or she want to, it is just some type of protection for you and your neighbor for your land in the future. Mr. Chandler asked that any of the Commissioners that are wavering on the issue to please take into consideration not to listen to the very vocal minority who are against this, to not let their emotions rule their wise thought, and hopefully, the Board would vote for what is best for all of the County and not just for a very few people. Mr. Chandler stated that this Plan is not about restricting use, it is simply for protection. Mr. Chandler urged the Board to have the forethought and the courage and commitment to move forward with this Plan and project and go to the next step.

Ms. Tia Poteat, 153 Neal Road, Reidsville, came before the Board and asked them to be mindful of the scare tactics. Ms. Poteat stated that she thought the chance is less that an unfavorable business would want to locate beside you and the chance is greater that land rich, cash poor people would need to give an acre or two to a family member so they can get started with a single-wide, double-wide, or modular home. Ms. Poteat added that the Plan does say that there will be land where this will not be allowed and someone is being displaced when a person is told that he cannot give land if their daughter or son in that specific area cannot put up a single-wide, double-wide, or modular home. Ms. Poteat stated that there is no mistake that this is displacement. Ms. Poteat added that many times for land rich, cash poor people, the land is all that they have and asked the Commissioners to be sure it is very necessary to take away their rights on this. Ms. Poteat asked the Board to please be remindful of perception, because she could stand there and say someone is displaced, another individual can stand there and say they are not displaced, this is all perception. Ms. Poteat stated that the obligation of the Board of Commissioners is to do what is right for the majority of Caswell County, not the group that is present, for or against, but the majority. Ms. Poteat noted that The Caswell Messenger reported that out of 100 counties, Caswell County ranks 93rd in a study of adults with high school diplomas. Ms. Poteat added that if the County ranks that high with adults without high school diplomas, you are usually dealing with lower income, less fortunate people and they cannot afford what the higher income people can. Ms. Poteat stated that at the last meeting it was mentioned that a lot of people are not being displaced, because it would only be about five percent of the land that would be restricted, but if your land fell in that five percent, it would be a big deal. Ms. Poteat added that unfavorable businesses coming to locate next to you would be less than five percent. Ms. Poteat noted that the less than five percent is not a big deal when someone else is being displaced, but less than five percent is a big deal when you do not want an unfavorable business beside you. Ms. Poteat stated that the Board’s obligation is to the majority of Caswell County and not to the ones in the room, because the majority is not here.

Ms. Lib McPherson, County Home Road, came before the Board and stated that she is one of the people who had the opportunity to work on the Land Use Plan. Ms. McPherson added that she felt that a lot of the opposition to the Land Use Plan at this point is because so many do not know what is involved with land use. Ms. McPherson appealed to the Board as the County's elected leaders who were charged with the responsibility of using the fact that they have access to more information than anyone else to do what is right for the County. Ms. McPherson asked the Board to make all of the difference for Caswell County. Ms. McPherson stated that the County is jeopardized by the present status quo and if property owners believe they control everything that happens on their land, then they are fooling themselves and if they leave the status quo they will have less and less control of their land. Ms. McPherson noted that the plan presented to the Board did not come from outside, it is the product of a group of human beings that came together as citizens of the community with many different perspectives. Ms. McPherson stated that the Committee made a commitment from the very beginning that they would look first at the common good for Caswell County and they would bring something that they believed, to the best of their ability, was fair to every person in this County. Ms. McPherson added that the City of Greensboro adopted a Plan last year, and this week they amended it for the first time. Ms. McPherson noted that the Board of Commissioners is not approving something that is carved in stone and if they find out a year from now that mistakes were made, changes can be made. Ms. McPherson added that the Land Use Plan Committee brought the Plan to the Board of Commissioners because they felt it was their best work at this time. Ms. McPherson stated that they did not want the Board to react from playing on fears from either side. Ms. McPherson urged the Board to take some bold steps and to take them together with those for and against the Plan, and if there are problems in it, they can come back and propose that the Board amend it or call the Committee back to work. Ms. McPherson asked the Board to give them a start to take the next step, and noted that nothing is written in stone.

Ms. Bobbie Taylor, NC Hwy 86, came before the Board and stated that she lives in a two-story brick veneer house, but started out in a single-wide mobile home. Ms. Taylor noted that she did not know all that is in the Plan, but applauded the people who worked hard on the Plan. Ms. Taylor stated that it seems like that the main focus is on whether people will be able to live in what they can afford at this particular time, specifically manufactured homes. Ms. Taylor noted that there are some people living in stick built houses that are worse than those in manufactured homes. Ms. Taylor added that she believed that the Board should consider taking out the word "maybe" and make it, "yes you can" or "no you cannot" and make it clear. Ms. Taylor stated that she did not agree that the Board should implement it now with the idea of coming back a year later, because it is harder to change something once it has been voted on and made an Ordinance or law. Ms. Taylor added that there are people who cannot afford stick built houses, and there are mobile homes and modular homes that you could not tell that they are not stick built homes. Ms. Taylor stated that there are areas where she felt there should be regulations as to how homes are set up, underpinned, and maintained. Ms. Taylor asked the Board to consider the whole County. Ms. Taylor noted that as far as Caswell County people saying that Caswell County is backwards, if someone lived in Caswell County and wanted to start a business, they could afford to start a business, and

they wanted Caswell County to not be backwards, somebody has to start it, so why would they take their business out of Caswell County, and build it somewhere else.

Ms. Kim Steffan, Corbett Ridge Road, Prospect Hill, came before the Board and stated that she would like to ask the Board to exercise leadership on behalf of Caswell County and to look at the big picture. Ms. Steffan added that she is concerned that part of the debate has been focused on one very small aspect of what has been a rather large project. Ms. Steffan asked the Board if they wanted Caswell County residents to continue to enjoy a rural quality of life, if they wanted to promote and develop agriculture, and if they wanted to have open spaces, fields, pastures, forests, hunting lands, clean water, and affordable housing options that come in many forms. Ms. Steffan asked if the Board wished to make Caswell attractive to the kinds of businesses that they would like to have here. Ms. Steffan asked the Board if they wanted to prevent those individuals from coming to Caswell that target counties that do not seem to be taking care of how they protect their County with respect to things like asphalt plants, concrete plants, slaughter houses, etc. Ms. Steffan stated that a Land Use Plan is a good first step, but not the only necessary step in preventing problems like businesses like these locating right next door to you. Ms. Steffan added that a Land Use Plan will help to protect all of the citizens whether they live in a single-wide mobile home, a mansion, or like her and most everybody else, something that is in between. Ms. Steffan stated that they all have common goals that they need to focus on to make good things happen in the future and to prevent bad things from happening. Ms. Steffan reminded the Board that the Land Use Plan is not a Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Steffan stated that most folks would like to see a Zoning Ordinance before they know whether they would like it or not, or whether it would like sense for Caswell or not. Ms. Steffan added that Caswell is not there yet, and the County should deal with that question when it gets there. Ms. Steffan asked the Board to exercise leadership and look at the entire big picture and do what is best for everyone in Caswell County.

Mr. Eugene Adams, 2622 Seamster Road, came before the Board and stated that he is against land use and is against anything that tells a child that he cannot live where they were born and raised because they have got to live in a trailer. Mr. Adams added that he lives beside a restricted area that is owned by one man and this man came to him and told him that people who lives in a trailer is not wanted in that area. Mr. Adams stated that this is telling their children that they are not wanted and this is discrimination. Mr. Adams added that Abraham Lincoln died so people could be free, Martin Luther King died so people could be free, and children are dying in Iraq so people can be free, and this Land Use Plan is telling the people that they cannot be free.

Ms. Thalia Frost, 2700 Old US Hwy 29, Pelham, came before the Board and stated that she came to Caswell County 24 years ago. Ms. Frost added that she bought some land, but did not have the money at the time to build a nice, stick built home and lived in a camper. Ms. Frost informed the Board of her situation from living in a camper to the point where she was financially able to start building her home on her property and problems she experienced with the Caswell County Building Inspections Office along the way. Ms. Frost stated that she built a house of approximately 2,000 square feet and it

took her two years to build this house because of the power in Caswell County of people like the Board of Commissioners and the people they appoint in the Building Inspections Office. Ms. Frost added that she fought every step of the way with the Building Inspector at the time. Ms. Frost stated that sometimes the power that the Board of Commissioners has works for the citizens, but most of the time it doesn't. Ms. Frost added that she has been paying taxes on her property for 25 years, and for most of that 25 years she has not been able to use it. Ms. Frost stated that she has paid salaries for people like the Board of Commissioners for 25 years. Ms. Frost added that the Board of Commissioners did not pay for her land, they did not pay her taxes, but they have been paid by her taxes. Ms. Frost stated that the Board has not done what it has taken for her to have the home she has today, they have not lived through that struggle. Ms. Frost added that it is her land and she did not feel any member of the Board has the right to tell her what she can or cannot do with her land. Ms. Frost stated that she is against the Land Use Program.

Mr. Doug Johnson, Providence, came before the Board and referred to the comment, "them people" made by a gentleman earlier in the meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that he has a mother that is 85 years old and he has a fair amount of land. Mr. Johnson added that when he was going through the Shady Grove Road zoning plan, he told them he was not in favor of it because he may have to put his mother in a mobile home and he was told that "them" people could go to a rest home.

Mr. Myron Amos, Poole Road, came before the Board and stated that he is against land use because the Board needed to let the people of the County decide what they want to do with their land. Mr. Amos urged the Board to give them a chance to vote on the issue and the Board would see that they are against it too.

Mr. David Wrenn, 130 Shady Grove Road, came before the Board and stated that the debate is getting ready to begin with the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Wrenn added that tonight or at a future meeting the Board will make a decision and the decision is very clear. Mr. Wrenn asked the Board if they wanted to plot the future for Caswell County positively with a plan such as is being introduced tonight, or do they want to continue on the way they are going. Mr. Wrenn stated that there are two issues that face the Board, 1) can the Board continue to go randomly helter skelter and not protect the citizens; or 2) do you stand up and put in protections for everyone, not "them people" but everyone. Mr. Wrenn added that a lot has been said tonight about us being Americans, and the nation's boys throughout history have died to protect people's property and rights. Mr. Wrenn stated that as Americans we protect people and we do not let people trod on us, but in Caswell County we get trod on. Mr. Wrenn added that this Plan will protect the poor, the rich, and the middle income and establishes what a community wants for itself, how it wants to get there, and how it wants to grow. Mr. Wrenn noted that the Plan protects the green spaces and it protects the farmers. Mr. Wrenn informed the Board that he received a call before coming to the meeting and the individual thought if the Land Use Plan were adopted, the Board would tell her how many cows and horses she could have. Mr. Wrenn stated that she was lied to and deceived on purpose because some people do not want this because their greed allows them to continue to dwell on the poor. Mr. Wrenn stated that the Board would also be making a decision tonight on the future of the County

and whether to allow Roxboro to take water from the Dan River. Mr. Wrenn added that at his last meeting as County Commissioner he urged the Board of Commissioners to fight this with all of its heart and soul and he asked the Board to continue to fight it and do not make a deal to give up the future of Caswell County by giving up its water resources.

Mr. Rick Cuppleman, 164 Jeffries Road, Providence, came before the Board and stated that he has been a resident of Caswell County for the past ten years. Mr. Cuppleman added that he would like to bring to the Board's attention the seriousness of the decision they are about to make. Mr. Cuppleman stated that he came from Maryland and it had gotten to the place where you could not do anything with your own property. Mr. Cuppleman added that he has worked hard for everything he has ever had and now owns 14 acres of land with a modular home on it. Mr. Cuppleman stated that he has a lot of pride in his house, but who is he to say what someone else can live in because they may not have been as fortunate as he has been. Mr. Cuppleman added that he worked hard for what he has, and the individual living in a mobile home may have worked just as hard for what he has and how can he say what he can and cannot do with his land because that may be all that he has.

Mr. William E. Young, Red Marshall Road, came before the Board and stated that he has lived on Red Marshall Road for 35 years and the County looks just as good to him as when he moved there. Mr. Young added that the County does not need to raise taxes on poor people. Mr. Young stated that taxes have gotten out of hand and before long all of the poor people are going to have to move out of the County.

Mr. Larry Farley, of Prospect Hill, came before the Board and stated that he and his family looked all over North Carolina before moving to Caswell County from Maryland. Mr. Farley added that Caswell County offered more than any other county to a person who wants to look to the future. Mr. Farley noted that Caswell County offered him clean air, clean water, safe living, and something he could pass down to his children. Mr. Farley stated that he wanted to have the right to give some of his land to his children for a home. Mr. Farley added that it is not financially possible for most young people today to build a home. Mr. Farley stated that he wanted the right to be able to give his children land if needed and that he is dead set against land use.

Mr. Jimmy Dodson, 7033 NC 86N, came before the Board and stated that he has lived in Caswell County all of his life and he does not want anything that is going to raise his taxes. Mr. Dodson added that no one has told him what the Land Use Plan is going to cost him and no one knows the cost of the Program. Mr. Dodson stated that this is bigger and bigger government, yet it's the taxpayers who pay for the government.

Ms. Donna Amos, 1163 Poole Road, Pelham, came before the Board and stated that she lives in a modular home. Ms. Amos added that she has heard a lot of talk about mistruths so suggested that the truth be put out there and let the people vote. Ms. Amos asked why the Board had to vote for the whole County and they should put the issue on

the ballot and let the people make a choice. Ms. Amos stated that she is against the Land Use Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING – CASWELL COUNTY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM’S
ONE YEAR AND FIVE YEAR MANAGEMENT PLANS

Chairman Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis that the Board enter into a public hearing to receive comments on the Caswell County Housing Assistance Program’s One Year and Five Year Management Plans. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rosa Carrington, Section 8 Housing Program Director, came before the Board to present the One Year and Five Year Management Plans to the Board for adoption.

Ms. Carrington shared with the Board an award received for their Plan submitted last year.

Chairman Battle declared that the public hearing is now closed.

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve the One and Five Year Management Plans for the Section 8 Housing Program. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND USE PLAN

Mr. Mike Cusimano, County Planner, was present to answer any questions the Board had concerning the proposed Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to approve the proposed Land Use Plan with the deletion of zoning.

Upon questioning from Chairman Battle, Commissioner Travis clarified that his motion was to eliminate Strategies 1 and 3 under **Goal 2, Objective 1. Manage Development.**

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried by a vote of four to two with Commissioners Battle and Lucas voting no.

Chairman Battle explained to the public that the motion made by Commissioner Travis was to eliminate the following **Strategy 1** under **Goal 2, Objective 1: Manage Development.** “Adopt a Comprehensive Land Use Development Ordinance, including an appropriate zoning ordinance, designed to achieve the goals and objectives of the Land Use Plan”. Chairman Battle added that the motion also included eliminating the following **Strategy 3** under **Goal 2, Objective 1: Manage Development.** “In residential-agricultural districts, require rezoning for major subdivisions (as “major subdivisions” are defined in the Subdivision Ordinance).

Chairman Battle informed the public that 27 years ago Caswell County adopted a Land Use Plan and zoning was a part of it.

Chairman Battle informed the public that the action taken tonight was to adopt a Land Use Plan with the two deletions as noted.

RECESS

The Board held a brief recess.

PRESENTATION OF CASWELL COUNTY AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

Ms. Susan Ezekiel and Ms. Becky Loy, with Cobb, Ezekiel, Brown & Company came before the Board to present the Caswell County audit report for fiscal year 2002-2003.

Ms. Susan Ezekiel reviewed the Audit Opinion in detail. Ms. Ezekiel reported that her firm has audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Caswell County, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. Ms. Ezekiel stated that these financial statements are the responsibility of Caswell County's management. Ms. Ezekiel added that her firm's responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on their audit. Ms. Ezekiel noted that they did not audit the financial statements of the Caswell County ABC Board because those financial statements were audited by another auditor, of which they have been furnished a copy.

Ms. Ezekiel reported that they conducted their audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Ms. Ezekiel stated that those standards require that they plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Ms. Ezekiel added that an audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

Ms. Ezekiel reported that in her firm's opinion, based on their audit and the report of the other auditor, the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Caswell County, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where appropriate, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Ms. Ezekiel stated it is very important to note that the County adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 during the year ended June 30, 2003.

Ms. Ezekiel reported that Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Ms. Ezekiel stated that they have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information; however, they did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Ms. Ezekiel reported that in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, they have also issued a report dated January 25, 2004 on their consideration of Caswell County's internal control over financial reporting and their tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. Ms. Ezekiel noted that this report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with their report in considering the results of the audit.

Commissioner Lucas questioned whether there was a Management Letter to go with the audit. Ms. Ezekiel informed Commissioner Lucas that the Board would receive a separate Management Letter and Audit Committee letter at a later time.

Ms. Becky Loy stated that she would review the Financial Statements and highlight the activities and some changes. Ms. Loy reported that the goal of implementing GASB 34 was to try to make the Financial Statement user friendly for someone who was in a business, and it is now full accrual rather than modified accrual. Ms. Loy explained the changes that were a result of GASB 34.

Ms. Loy stated that the County needed to maintain at least eight percent of the County's prior year expenditures in the Fund Balance from year to year. Ms. Loy noted that the County's actual percentage of Fund Balance, both Restricted and Unrestricted, is 18.62%.

Ms. Loy reviewed the following three findings that were related to the general processes:

- 1) Criteria: In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals the central depository should be reconciled on a timely basis.

Condition: The central depository had not been reconciled in the time period of November 30, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

Recommendation: We recommend that monthly reconciliations be done as soon as the bank statement is received and that procedures be adopted and implemented that would prevent any delay in completing the reconciliation process.

- 2) Criteria: The County is required to adopt an annual budget and to provide proper stewardship by ensuring that monies expended are within the budget approved by the Board.

Condition: Several departments in the County were over expended during the year.

Recommendation: We recommend that all necessary financial reconciliations are done timely and that all departments be monitored to prohibit any expenditures over the amounts that have been budgeted by the County.

- 3) Criteria: The County's general ledger contained many classification errors.

Condition: Accurate financial reports needed to make budgetary and management decisions during the year were not able to be obtained.

Recommendation: We recommend that procedures be implemented to timely review all ledger and related reports to insure proper account classifications and to make corrections to accounts that contain errors in reporting the transactions.

Commissioner Lucas asked if the Local Government Commission has approved the document. Ms. Loy confirmed that LGC has approved the document.

Ms. Loy recommended that the County implement a procedure that monitors the accounting process, monitor the budget on a monthly basis, and monitor the reconciliation of the bank statements.

Ms. Loy reviewed the following two findings related to day care:

- 1) Criteria: The County is required by the Subsidized Child Care Services Manual to obtain an application (DCD0451), a provider agreement (DCD0452) and an approved notice from all daycare providers on a timely basis.

Condition: The caseworker did not obtain the required forms within one year of the previous packet of information.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County implement a process to ensure that providers' files contain the required annual renewal forms.

- 2) Criteria: The County is required by the Subsidized Child Care Services Manual to determine the correct amount to be paid by the parents.

Condition: The caseworker did not key the correct amount due from the parent for one case and did not report a change in the parent fee for the second case.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County implement a process to ensure that parents' fees are correctly calculated and paid.

CASWELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Fred Moore, Caswell County Health Director, came before the Board to request that the Board consider the purchase of new billing and clinical software for the Home Health Program. Dr. Moore reported that the Home Health Program has been using a computer billing program called "BarneStorm" since approximately 1995 to bill Medicare and Medicaid and meet the other rules, regulations, and requirements that are imposed on the Home Health industry. Dr. Moore stated that for the last few years he has been talking with his staff about replacing this software. Dr. Moore added that he and a Home Health nurse reviewed proposals from nine different vendors and recommended that a company known as Care Anyware be chosen since it had the best product for their agency. Dr. Moore reported that Care Anyware is a young private company based in Cary, NC and it has had a product out on the market for a little over a year. Dr. Moore stated that in light of the increased efficiency that the system would provide, the Board of Health unanimously approved purchasing the Care Anyware product. Dr. Moore added that the financial and transition costs are substantial, but felt that the costs will be well worth the end result and would be paid back over time with fewer clerical needs as well as improved billing and clinical efficiencies.

Dr. Moore provided the Board with the following costs of purchasing this product. Dr. Moore noted that the total cost for three years is \$125,000 and the cost for this fiscal year is approximately \$66,900, which falls within budget.

One-Time Costs

Tablet PC x 10	\$16,000
Implementation and set-up	\$35,000
Travel for training	\$ 1,000
Adobe Acrobat Software	\$ 125
Wireless access point for inside the Health Dept.	\$ 250

Recurring Costs

Monthly Subscription to Care Anyware	\$ 2,500
Monthly 3 rd party ISP for in-the-field synchronization	\$ 100

Chairman Battle asked why this was being brought before the Board of Commissioners if this is a budget item. The County Manager answered that this was brought before the Board because even though it had been budgeted for this year, the proposal includes a three year commitment that had not been previously approved.

Commissioner Hamlett asked what the cost would be to the County after three years. Dr. Moore answered that after three years there would be a new contract.

Commissioner Ward asked what would happen to the Billing Clerk position. Dr. Moore answered that the Billing Clerk position is currently an unfilled position.

After further discussion, Chairman Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucas to approve the request by Dr. Moore for the purchase of new billing and software from Care Anywhere for the Home Health Agency as presented. The motion carried by a vote of four to two with Commissioners Hamlett and Travis voting no.

Dr. Moore stated that he and the Board of Health would like to request that the Board of Commissioners approve the addition of a Public Health Nurse II position to the Home Health Program. Dr. Moore added that this position will replace a contract nursing position that they are currently using and is costing significantly more than that of a full time employee. Dr. Moore reported that last fiscal year this contract nurse cost \$60,008 for a little over one FTE (full-time employee) of contract nursing services. Dr. Moore stated that this year they are still using about one FTE of service and have spent \$33,636 in the first six months which works out to \$67,272 per year if their usage stays at the same rate. Dr. Moore noted that a full time Public Health II RN currently costs the agency about \$46,000 per year including benefits.

Dr. Moore reported that based on the costs and need for RN services, he and the Board of Health agreed that they need to try to hire a full time nurse to reduce their need for contract nursing and the associated costs. Dr. Moore noted that while they would not completely eliminate the need for contract nursing, it would drastically reduce it once the new nurse was trained. Dr. Moore stated that he is not requesting any additional funds for the new position, but just permission to shift funds (\$15,316) from the Contracted Services line item to the Salary and Benefits line item to cover four months pay. Dr. Moore added that this equates to \$12,336 for Salary, \$1,428 for Health Insurance, \$944 for FICA, and \$608 for Retirement. Dr. Moore noted that this is based on a March 1 hiring date and an annual salary of \$35,000.

Commissioner Lucas asked Dr. Moore for the Fund Balance of the Health Department. Dr. Moore answered that he has not yet received the financial journal entries, but based on his calculations, the Health Department's Fund Balance as of June 30, 2003 was \$1.3 million, and \$451,000 of that \$1.3 million was budgeted into this fiscal year.

After further discussion, Commissioner Lucas moved, seconded by Chairman Battle to approve the request for a new nursing position in the Home Health Agency as presented. The motion carried by a vote of five to one with Commissioner Hamlett voting no.

Dr. Moore informed the Board that he had planned to request permission to apply for a State grant that would provide a School Nurse position; however, the grant application period was missed.

Dr. Moore reported that he would like to request a change in the way the County tracks the Health Department budget by reducing the number of accounts from twenty to four. Dr. Moore added that these four accounts reflect the four functional units within the

Health Department which are: General, Personal Health, Home Health, and Environmental Health. Dr. Moore noted that the twenty accounts they currently have are roughly a reflection of the number and type of state grants they receive. Dr. Moore added that the State requires that the expenditure of these individual grants be reported to them in detail, but it does not have to be done by the Finance Office. Dr. Moore reported that currently the Health Department keeps up with the grant details that are required by the State, Medicare, and Medicaid and the County tracks a more general picture. Dr. Moore stated that he feels that this decrease in accounts would streamline the way the County tracks their budget and improve the efficiency of the whole purchasing and bill paying process.

Chairman Battle stated that the Health Department's budget is the largest in the County and the Board would need to explore everything as to if this is legal from the auditor's standpoint and evaluate the pros and cons. Chairman Battle added that the Board would review this request further at budget time. Dr. Moore stated that according to Ms. Becky Loy with Cobb, Ezekiel, Brown & Company the Board of Commissioners could make this decision. Chairman Battle stated that he would like to see how other Health Departments handle this.

Commissioner Lucas asked Dr. Moore how he came up with the four categories. Dr. Moore answered that it was a decision that he made.

APPOINTMENTS TO CASWELL COUNTY JOINT NURSING HOME/ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to appoint Ms. Barbara Ann Jeffries and Ms. Donna Owens to the Caswell County Joint Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO HYCONEECHEE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to appoint Ms. Lucindy Willis to the Hyconeechee Regional Library Board. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to appoint Mr. Ken Triplett, Jr. and Dr. LaCheata Hall to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to reappoint Mr. Michael Greenberg to the Planning Board. The motion carried by a vote of five to one with Commissioner Lucas voting no.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Hooper to appoint Ms. Donna Owens to the Planning Committee for Services to the Elderly. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

The Board held a brief recess.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Jeff Earp, County Manager, informed the Board of a Facility Inspection of the Department of Social Services by the Local Business Liaison, NC Division of Social Services, and its findings. Mr. Earp reported that the inspection showed that there were some deficiencies and shared these deficiencies with the Board. Mr. Earp informed the Board that he has discussed these deficiencies with Ms. Bettye Parker, DSS Director, and some have already been addressed. Mr. Earp reported that it is a mandate from the Inspections Committee that the County comply with the deficiencies or have in place a Corrective Action Plan as soon as possible. Mr. Earp stated that a Corrective Action Plan has been started and all deficiencies noted in the findings have been addressed. Mr. Earp added that a draft of the Corrective Action Plan has been sent to the State Division of Social Services.

Mr. Earp updated the Board on the integration of the County Slogan into County government operations. Mr. Earp stated that the County slogan would be included on all County documentation. Mr. Earp added that he has looked into the purchase of County license tags or bumper stickers which will include the slogan for all County vehicles. Mr. Earp informed the Board that he has also talked with NCDOT officials and they have stated that they will give the County the opportunity to request the erection of signage on major thoroughfares throughout the County with the exception of Highway 29 because of right-of-way restrictions. Mr. Earp noted that NCDOT has informed him that once all the requirements have been met, they will pay for and erect the signs with the County slogan. Mr. Earp stated that he would like to see a sign such as the one seen when entering Leasburg, erected on Highway 29. Mr. Earp added that the material cost of a sign such as this would be approximately \$1,200 and he has a commitment from the Dan River Prison Work Farm to provide the labor at no cost. Chairman Battle requested that Mr. Earp prepare a visual presentation including all of these recommendations in their next agenda package.

Mr. Earp reported that the Clerk to the Board has received a request from Mr. Vincent Marchisotto asking that his meeting time of 5:30 p.m. on March 1, 2004, with the Board to hear his appeal to the Outdoor Storage Ordinance be rescheduled to 7:00 p.m. that day due to his work. Mr. Earp added that Mr. Marchisotto had stated that he would like for this to be a public meeting and noted that this, indeed, would be a public meeting. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the meeting time of 5:30 p.m.

on Monday, March 1, 2004, to hear Mr. Vincent Marchisotto's appeal to the Outdoor Storage Ordinance remain as originally scheduled.

Mr. Earp reported that he received a request from the Clerk of Superior Court for an additional allocation of \$757.35 to be appropriated from Court Facilities Fees to pay for paint to finish the next phase of painting at the New Courthouse. Mr. Earp stated that the initial cost estimate for painting the first floor was \$900 and there is an additional need for painting in the New Courthouse. After further discussion, Chairman Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Hooper to approve the request by the Clerk of Superior Court for an additional appropriation of \$757.35 for painting at the New Courthouse, to come from Court Facilities Fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lucas questioned the balance of the Court Facilities Fees Fund. Mr. Earp answered that the current balance of the Court Facilities Fees Fund is approximately \$90,000.

Mr. Earp stated that the Board had instructed him to schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Education and they have requested that a meeting be held during the first week in March. The Board agreed to schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Earp reported that the Tax Director has informed him that Rockingham County is currently performing a fly-over of their County to prepare new maps and that there is a possibility that Caswell County could piggy-back onto this contract; therefore, saving the County money on new maps for GIS and the Tax Office. Mr. Earp stated that the Tax Director was also made aware that this fly-over and maps could be paid for from 911 Funds. Mr. Earp added that this request has been taken before the 911 Board with the initial quotes of \$44,000 - \$67,000. Mr. Earp stated that the 911 Board considered this request and made a motion to approve expenditures for this project up to \$45,000. Mr. Earp noted that this request could not be considered tonight because of the amount of expenditure, but he would like to bring this request back before the Board at its March 1, 2004 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Battle questioned the County Manager concerning the over expenditure of budget as noted by Ms. Becky Loy in her audit presentation earlier. Mr. Earp answered that there is over expenditure of specific line items, but overspending has not occurred in the general budget. Mr. Earp stated that he and the Finance Officer are monitoring this very closely.

Commissioner Lucas questioned the status of the bank reconciliation statements. Mr. Earp answered that the Finance Office is up to date with its bank reconciliation statements.

Commissioner Hooper moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucas to reconsider the motion made earlier regarding the Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Hooper stated that the Land Use Plan was earlier approved with the deletion of zoning, but he would like to bring back the issue of the Land Use Plan, including the zoning, to be voted on by the citizens of Caswell County at the next general election and let the majority rule.

The County Attorney informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners itself could not place this issue on the ballot; however, it can seek special legislation allowing it to do so.

Commissioner Lucas stated that she felt there was a certain timeframe in which this request has to take place prior to the next election. The County Attorney stated that he would need to check on this.

Commissioner Ward stated that the people left tonight thinking the Board of Commissioners had made a decision regarding the Land Use Plan and if the Board had intentions of reconsidering the motion, the people should have been informed of this before they left the meeting.

The Board discussed its Rules of Procedures.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion was defeated by a tie vote of three to three with Commissioners Hamlett, Travis, and Ward voting no.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis that the Board enter into closed session to preserve the Attorney/Client privilege (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)). The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to resume regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE

Commissioner Hooper moved that the Board of Commissioners meet with the Town of Yanceyville to negotiate four items and if an Agreement is reached, that the County drop its lawsuit appeal against the Town of Yanceyville, City of Roxboro, and Person County. The motion died for lack of a second.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

M. O. Battle
Chairman
